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1. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF INSTITUTIONS IN SYRIA THAT APPEAR
TO MEET CRITERIA DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. SYRIAN INSTITU-
TIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AS WELL AS SOME TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
ACCEPT ANY ARAB STUDENTS ON NO FEE AND NO QUOTA BASIS.
THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF JORDANIAN AND PALESTINIAN
STUDENTS. SYRIANS REGARD THEIR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AS
PAN ARAB AND HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THEY EXIST TO SERVE ARAB
WORLD IN GENERAL. THESE COMMENTS APPLY TO ALL BELOW
DESCRIBED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING. PALESTINIAN
STUDENTS HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS BUT THERE
ARE LACK OF ACCOMMODATIONS FOR OTHER FOREIGN STUDENTS.

2. THERE ARE THREE UNIVERSITIES IN SYRIA:

- DAMASCUS UNIVERSITY
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- ALEPPO UNIVERSITY
- TISHRIN UNIVERSITY (LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LATTAKIAH)

THE UNIVERSITY OF DAMASCUS INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING TECHNICAL
FACULTIES: MEDICINE, CIVIL & ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING,
ELECTRIC & MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, SCIENCES, AGRICULTURE,
PHARMACY AND DENTISTRY.

THERE ARE ALSO NEWLY ESTABLISHED INTERMEDIATE INSTITUTIONS TO ADMIT THOSE WHO DID NOT HAVE HIGH ENOUGH EXAM SCORES TO ENTER THE UNIVERSITY: ENGINEERING, MEDICINE AND AGRICULTURE.

ALEPPO UNIVERSITY INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING: MEDICINE, CIVIL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, SCIENCES, AGRICULTURE, VETERINARY MEDICINE (IN HAMA).

INTERMEDIATE INSTITUTIONS IN ALEPPO: ENGINEERING.

TISHRIN UNIVERSITY INCLUDES: MEDICINE, AGRICULTURE AND SCIENCES.

INTERMEDIATE INSTITUTION IN LATTAKIAH: AGRICULTURE.

3. TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SYRIA: IN THE CAPITAL OF EVERY GOVERNORATE (MOUHAFAZAT) THERE IS A TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL WHICH TEACHES THE FOLLOWING PROFESSIONS: CARPENTRY, BLACKSMITHING; MECHANIC; WIRELESS AND ELECTRICITY. ALL OF THESE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS ARE FOR BOYS.

SIMILAR SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS ARE LOCATED IN THE FOLLOWING CITIES: DAMASCUS, HOMS, ALEPPO AND LATTAKIAH.
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IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED, THERE ARE ALSO A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS FOR WOMEN TEACHING HOME ECONOMICS LOCATED IN DAMASCUS, HAMA, HOMS, AND ALEPPO.

4. TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHOOLS ARE OPERATED BY SEVERAL MINISTRIES AS WELL. MINTRANSPORT, DG CIVIL AVIATION HAS A SCHOOL FOR GROUND CREWS AND AIRPORT MAINTENANCE. MIN INDUSTRY HAS FOUR SECONDARY LEVEL TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND A UNIVERSITY-LEVEL MANAGEMENT TRAINING INSTITUTE. THE LATTER MINISTRY HAS RECEIVED A FORTY MILLION DOLLAR IBRD LOAN TO BUILD THREE MORE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

5. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONALLY FUNDED SCHOOLS IN SYRIA. ALEPPO HAS THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IN DRY AREAS (ICARDA) UNDER UN AND FAO AUSPICES. THE ILO OPERATES A HOTEL TRAINING SCHOOL IN A DAMASCUS SUBURB. THERE IS ALSO A UN-SPONSORED VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL IN DAMASCUS PROPER.

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